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UTAH FELON SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 7 YEARS FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a felon was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm in Barton County, Mo.

Stoney L. Fisher, 26, of Cedar City, Utah, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to seven years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On May 5, 2004, **Fisher** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Fisher** admitted that he possessed a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber handgun on Dec. 20, 2003, in Barton County. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Fisher** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for attempting to receive or transfer a stolen vehicle, a 2000 criminal felony conviction for burglary and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

Fisher was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 25, 2004, in Springfield.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Monroe. It was investigated by the Lamar, Mo., Police Department, the Barton County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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